Appln No. N/A
Amdt date February 27, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 remains in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

y _____

Reg. No. 20,958

626/795-9900

DBP/aam AAM PAS552513.1-*-02/27/04 9:30 AM